



**CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY**  
**EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 4, 2009**  
**SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA**

The first meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority Executive/Administrative Committee was called to order on November 4, 2009 at 2:06 p.m. at the State Capitol, Senate Hearing Room #2040 in Sacramento, California.

Chairman Curt Pringle called the meeting to order. Committee members Fran Florez and Quentin Kopp were present.

Agenda item # 1 – Board Policies and Procedures was continued to next month.

Executive Director, Mehdi Morshed reported on the KPMG report and recommendations stating that the Authority does not have the staff necessary to go forward with the project in response to the recommendations and direction of the State agency and the Authority Board. He indicated the Authority needs an immediate remedy for staff shortages; giving two examples of solutions: 1) slow the work down and enable the monitoring and supervision necessary or 2) move as quickly as we can without the staff necessary to monitor and supervise; realizing the risk involved. Mr. Morshed asked the committee to approach the full Board for their direction on this matter.

Mr. O'Neil and Ms. Lloyd of KPMG reported on their recommendations and explained the suggested priority positions necessary to fill immediately.

Mr. Morshed indicated serious staff shortages in each area where outreach people are necessary to handle public inquiries and keep the people informed.

Chairman Pringle asked Executive Director, Mehdi Morshed if he was in agreement with the findings and suggestions in the KPMG report; Mr. Morshed agreed.

Chairman Pringle suggested sharing the Organizational Chart and the findings of the KPMG report with the Peer Review Committee as soon as possible. Mr. Kopp made a motion that Chairman Pringle submit letters to the three peer group appointees asking them to review the report and respond within one month. Chairman Pringle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Director, Carrie Pourvahidi reported the budget was submitted to the Department of Finance. Copies were to be given to the Board members at the full Board meeting the following day.

Chairman Pringle called for any further business for the Executive/Administrative Committee; there was no response so the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.